Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 01232 252125Z
ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-09 EUR-12 NEA-10
SP-02 L-03 OES-06 COME-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00
PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 HEW-06 AID-05 EB-08 OMB-01
OIC-02 /123 W
----------260359Z 113851 /15
R 252019Z APR 77
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3296

UNCLAS USUN 1232

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: UN, ECOSOC, SPOP
SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC: ITEM 8 - POPULATION QUESTIONS; GENERAL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: WHILE FALLING CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF THE BIENNIAL REVIEW IN DEPTH OF POPULATION QUESTIONS CALLED FOR IN ECOSOC DECISION 89 OF 4 MAY 1975, THE 62ND ECOSOC HEARD A LONG INTRODUCTION OF THE 19TH REPORT OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE UN POPULATION DIVISION AND STATEMENTS BY EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE US. MANY OF THE COUNTRY STATEMENTS WERE EXTENSIVE AND WELL PREPARED, ESPECIALLY IN CONTRAST TO THE 61ST ECOSOC WHERE THERE WERE VERY FEW SPEAKERS AND POPULATION QUESTIONS WERE HANDLED IN A STRICTLY PERFUNCTORY MANNER. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE UN POPULATION DIVISION, THE US PROPOSED IN ITS STATEMENT THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE 64TH ECOSOC HOLD AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF POPULATION QUESTIONS AS PART OF ITS BACKGROUND PREPARATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF A THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE. HOWEVER, THE US DID NOT PUSH ITS INFORMAL PROPOSAL SINCE THE YUGOSLAVS, SPEAKING FOR THE G-77, INDICATED THEY WERE OPPOSED TO THE 62ND ECOSOC PASSING ANY "SECTORAL" DECISIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE WORK OF THE COUNCIL SINCE THEY WOULD BE "CONTRARY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USUN N 01232 252125Z

TO THE SPIRIT" IN WHICH RESOLUTION 31/182 ON PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

2. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR OF POPULATION DIVISION. TABAH, DISCUSSING THE SUBJECTS CONSIDERED AT THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION,

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

SAID THE COMMISSION HAD FOCUSED ON TWO MAJOR THEMES --
ACTIVITIES TIED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD
POPULATION CONFERENCE HELD IN BUCHAREST IN 1974; AND
THE CONTINUING WORK IN THE POPULATION FIELD DONE BY THE
SECRETARIAT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE SAID, THE COMMISSION
HAD EXAMINED MEASURES TAKEN AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVELS TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD POPULATION
PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED AT BUCHAREST. IT WAS ALSO CONCERNED
WITH MONITORING POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICIES, AND WITH
EVALUATION OF THE ACTION PLAN. TABAH WENT ON TO SAY THAT
109 GOVERNMENTS HAD RESPONDED TO THE SECRETARIAT'S THIRD
QUERY REGARDING THE MONITORING OF POPULATION TRENDS.
ONLY 68 HAD ANSWERED THE SECOND QUERY. TABAH SAID "THE
PROBLEMS OF POPULATION ARE ESSENTIALLY THE PROBLEMS OF
DEVELOPMENT." AS REGARDS THE EVALUATION OF THE WORLD
POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, TABAH SAID THAT SEVERAL
STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN, INCLUDING A PRECISE DEFINITION
OF OBJECTIVES; AND STRENGTHENING THE LIAISON WITH
THE GOALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE.
TABAH SAID THE COMMISSION HAD PROPOSED THAT A SMALL
ADVISORY GROUP OF SIX EXPERTS BE CONVENED TO ASSIST
THE SECRETARIAT IN CARRYING OUT THESE VARIOUS TASKS.
THE GROUP WOULD BEGIN ITS WORK NEXT MONTH IN NEW YORK.

3. STATEMENTS BY COUNTRY DELEGATIONS - COUNTRY STATEMENTS
WERE MADE BY NORWAY, POLAND, THE SOVIET UNION, THE US,
THE FRG, YUGOSLAVIA, UKRAINE, JAPAN, MEXICO, THE UK,
NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, BANGLADESH, CUBA, ALGERIA,
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 USUN N 01232 252125Z

UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA AND FRANCE. SUMMARIES OF THE 17
COUNTRY STATEMENTS ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT
TO THE ATTENTION OF ROBERT SIMMONS OES/CP.

4. US STATEMENT - THREE COPIES OF THE SEVEN PAGE US
STATEMENT (A STATEMENT WHICH WAS DERIVED FROM US
POSITION PAPER UNEC D-78/77) ARE ALSO BEING POUCHED TO
THE DEPARTMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF MR. SIMMONS.
LEONARD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POPULATION, DEBATES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 25-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977USUNN01232
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770144-0496
Format: TEL
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770421/aaaaarxe.tel
Line Count: 106
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b41f969f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2700407
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: 62ND ECOSOC: ITEM 8 - POPULATION QUESTIONS; GENERAL DEBATE
TAGS: SPOP, UN, ECOSOC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b41f969f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009